LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION - BEDS BUCKS NORTHANTS GROUP
DRAFT/ MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH JUNE 2014
AT 3 LODGE LANE, PRESTWOOD

The meeting commenced at 8pm.

Present: Dee Brockway (Social Walks), Gill Bunker (Newsletter), Norman Corrin (Chairman), Dave Findel-Hawkins (Membership), Merrian Lancaster (Secretary/Website/Local Groups Rep), Martin Lawson, Alan Leadbetter, Gordon Shaughnessy (Thursday Walks), Lynn Yorston (Equipment/ Merchandising)

1. Apologies: Ian Sage (Treasurer)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (30th January 2014) and Matters Arising
No matters arising. The Minutes were approved. Prop: L Yorston; Sec: M Lancaster

3. Reports

(a) Chairman: Norman's report had been circulated before the meeting:

Thanks to Lynn and Dave for hosting the meeting.

I've done the following:
- On behalf of Santa accepted a montage of photos of him walking 10 years with BBN.
- Attended the LDWA National AGM.
- Attended the Ramblers National AGM in Liverpool as an LDWA rep.
- Obtained Information about Wicking/Tech T-shirts for BBN.
- Led Gateways Walk in the Chilterns.

New Members/Enquiries from Public:
I've received notification from Dave of 4 new LDWA members who live within our group's catchment area and I've spoken to most and emailed all with an information pack.

Dave said he had not heard further from the four new LDWA members Norman had contacted.

(b) Secretary: Merrian's report had been circulated before the meeting:

- 13 April 2014 Striders distributed; 2 spares.
  I've requested more copies of April 2014 Striders to hand out on walks – no response.
- Received and responded to emails.
- Regular news updates put onto website and link emailed to members.
- Received officer reports for committee meeting – approval requested to publish on website.
- Have given BBN business cards to committee members and also handed out several on walks and events.

Still outstanding
- BBN photo for emails
- Handover notes
- Technical shirts
- LDWA business cards
- Food safety course
- Checklist for AGM
- Response from National Exec to Michael Mooney's Health and Safety doc.

Arising from Merrian's report:
Dave confirmed the LDWA National Committee are not proceeding with LDWA business cards.
All present confirmed their reports could go on the BBN website. Merrian will check with Ian regarding his Treasurer's report.

Technical shirts: Merrian said to date only 7 members had expressed an interest. Norman has obtained various costings. The shirts would cost approx £15 for short sleeves, £18 for long sleeves – but are not available in burgundy. Dave suggested the group could subsidise the one-off set up fee for the BBN badge. Brian Harwood has suggested a BBN shirt with the SSS triple badge – this thought to be a good idea and may well be popular with non-members as well. Norman will check costings and report back.

(c) Treasurer: Ian had circulated a copy of the accounts before the meeting:

As I mentioned a few weeks ago I won't be at the next committee meeting so I have attached the state of our finances as at 12th May 2014. I don't believe that there is anything significant outstanding.
Of interest are:
1. The Deepdale 2014 weekend organised by Chris Bent had a deficit of £150.00 as expected.
2. The Pick and Mix event had a surplus of £322.37.

LDWA BEDS/BUCKS/NORTHANTS GROUP
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
1st October 2013 - 30th September 2014

	2014	**2013**
INCOME	**£**	**£**
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	**132.00**	**383.00**
DEEPDALE WEEKEND 2014	**300.00**	**0.00**
CHILTERN BREWERY WALK	**0.00**	**105.00**
MERCHANDISE	**23.50**	**92.50**
MISCELLANEOUS	**5.00**	**0.00**
2013 100 CONTRIBUTION	**175.00**	**0.00**
DEEPDALE WEEKEND 2013	**0.00**	**500.00**
PICK N MIX 2014	**866.00**	**0.00**
INTEREST	**0.79**	**1.62**
CANAL TRIP	**0.00**	**0.00**
CHILTER KANTER 2013	**0.00**	**968.25**
STEPPINGLEY STEP 2013	**1507.00**	**194.00**
JOHN BUNYAN TRAIL WALKS	**0.00**	**170.00**
CANAL TRIP	**0.00**	**355.00**
SUNDON SAUNTER 2012	**0.00**	**1592.00**
GREENSAND RIDGE EVENT	**310.00**	**0.00**
	3319.29	**4361.37**

	2014	2013
EXPENDITURE	**£**	**£**
DONATIONS	**150.00**	**200.00**
QUIZ	**128.81**	**0.00**
WEBSITE	**0.00**	**0.00**
PRINTING & POSTAGE	**276.71**	**269.49**
MERCHANDISE	**0.00**	**227.90**
MISCELLANEOUS	**66.95**	**162.84**
HOUSMAN 100 CONTRIBUTION	**0.00**	**10.00**
DEEPDALE WEEKEND 2013	**15.00**	**370.00**
PICK N MIX 2014	**543.63**	**0.00**
SUNDON SAUNTER 2012	**0.00**	**927.16**
CHRISTMAS WALK	**46.15**	**33.52**
EQUIPMENT	**256.23**	**186.24**
CANAL TRIP	**0.00**	**658.00**
CHILTERN KANTER 2013	**0.00**	**724.34**
STEPPINGLEY STEP 2013	**1216.97**	**0.00**
JOHN BUNYAN TRAIL WALKS	**90.00**	**110.00**
DEEPDALE WEEKEND 2014	**360.00**	**90.00**
CHILTERN BREWERY WALK	**115.00**	**105.00**
CAMEL TEIGN CONTRIBUTIONS	**135.00**	**0.00**
GREENSAND RIDGE EVENT	**5.80**	**0.00**
	3406.25	**4074.49**

INCOME	**3319.29**
EXPENDITURE	**3406.25**
SURPLUS(LOSS)	**-86.96**
30/09/13	**6726.43**
BALANCE 30/09/14	**6639.47**

REPRESENTED BY	
NatWest Current Account	**2636.99**
NatWest Business Reserve Account	**4002.48**
	6639.47

There were no comments on the accounts.

(d) Membership: Dave's report had been circulated before the meeting:

We currently have 178 members including our five free members. Eighty one members have now paid for multiple years. We have 3 new members since the last newsletter. We have been informed of death of one of our members from LDWA membership sec. Six members indicated they wouldn't be renewing.

There are13 members still to pay for 2014. All but six have indicated that they intend to pay. I'll email the others again (or include note in next newsletter where I don't have email address) before removing them.

There are 285 Primary members (including family) in the BBN area.

Norman and Dave confirmed that BBN are in the top ten local groups for number of members; Norman thinks BBN are sixth.

(e) Social Walks – Dee's report had been circulated before the meeting:

The programme for August to December 2014 is complete, and I am delighted to report it includes three weekend social walks for all months except December when two, including Santa's infamous appearance, are on offer. Gordon has organised our Thursday programme and sent these details directly to Gill. By any LDWA group standards, this is a formidable programme thanks to the efforts of our members.

As always, thanks to Gordon for co-ordinating the Thursday programme and to Gill and Merrian for proof reading and, I am sure, correcting my inevitable mistakes, and for inputting the information onto the web, from which the information will be extracted for inclusion in Strider and our June newsletter.

I am now starting on the programme for January to April 2015. Please contact me asap to book a date to lead a walk, with the usual final details required by 10th September please. Any help required will be gladly given.

(f) Merchandising/Equipment: Lynn's report:

We sold two T-shirts at the Pick & Mix and payment has been made to Ian. Badges were given free on request – this was as agreed at an earlier committee meeting.

We have purchased some 12.5 litre water carriers – these are so much easier to handle once full. The old 25 litre ones have been re-housed to good homes. We have also purchased "Beware Walkers" signs.

We also now have a group table cover of the correct colour for use at checkpoints. There has been a suggestion to stitch relevant badges around the hem. I am willing to do this if you send me the badges!!

***(g)* Website:** Merrian's report:

Gill & I have added lots of photos.

(h) Newsletter: Gill's report had been circulated before the meeting:

The June Newsletter is filling up. The deadline is 14th June – delayed to include anything coming out of this meeting and because I am then away on holiday until 13th June celebrating a BIG birthday. I am hoping to come back to a full inbox!

The Newsletter should be posted out during the last week of June – but, arising from this, I am wondering about calling future Newsletters – the Spring, Summer or Autumn edition – rather than February, June or October. Just a thought – any comments?

It was agreed to rename future Newsletters – the Spring, Summer or Autumn edition.

(i) Local Group Representative: Merrian's report:

Following less than enthusiastic response to questionnaire, the meeting in 2014 has been cancelled.

(j) Other Committee Members: Gordon/Martin/Alan
Nothing to report.

4. Insurance Issues – Incident Reports
No incidents have been reported.

5. LDWA
(a) LDWA AGM 2014: Gill said Ian has written a report for the Newsletter.
(b) LDWA AGM 2015: Norman has tried unsuccessfully to find a venue in our area large enough for next year's AGM.

6. LDWA 100s

(a) 2014 - Valleys 100 - South Wales: Norman Corrin
Norman's report had been circulated before the meeting:

Merrian summed it up quite accurately as brutal…….and it was. Our checkpoint worked well I thought after getting all of our provisions eventually, and thanks to all who helped on it. We managed to get Rob Myers home safely after an inordinate wait. I've emailed an update from David Williams of London Group. With Leyton Orient not being promoted he had a bad couple of days.

Merrian is writing up her notes on the Valleys Hundred and will send these on to BBN helpers who can add their own comments. Merrian will then send the comments to Dave Morgan, the Valleys 100 organiser. Norman will pass them on to the Red Rose 100 organisers.

(b) 2015 – Red Rose 100 - East Lancashire: Norman Corrin
BBN will be at Checkpoint 2: Feniscliffe Church Hall at 16 miles. The Red Rose 100 website is up and running.

(c) 2016 - Dorset: Norman Corrin:
BBN will be at Checkpoint 1 at Crossways. It is now an indoor checkpoint.

(d) 2017 - Crosses 100 – North Yorkshire
Will be from Malton. No further details yet.

7. BBN Challenge Events

(a) **Pick and Mix 2014 - Lynn Yorston**

The 2014 Pick & Mix report will be included in the next newsletter. The event was a great success and all excess funds have been handed to Ian. We are willing to host this event again in 2016.

Norman congratulated the organising team on another successful event and said it was great way to encourage families to walk. Lynn said about 20 under 18's had taken part.

(b**) Shillington Shuffle 2014 - Gordon Shaughnessy**
Gordon said organisation is going well. The various routes are currently being checked; he has had some feedback and is waiting for the rest.

(c) Chilterns Kanter 2015 – Norman Corrin
Norman's report had been circulated before the meeting:

The date is Sunday 8th March 2015. There are three distances of 26, 18 and 13 miles. Mike Hyland is working out the routes. Venue is the same as last time at Pitstone Memorial Hall. I've contacted Safran Power Systems who took over building from the Goodrich Engineering to ask about car parking. Initial enquiry was positive.

Norman confirmed the CK marshals' walk will take place on Sunday 1st March 2015.

8. Donations

As several donations have already been made and it had previously been agreed that the AGM meal is to be subsidised, it was agreed that further donations would not be discussed at this meeting.

9. AOB

(a) AGM Lynn Yorston

This is being held from Naphill village hall and we will be eating at The Wheel pub. The walk will be approx. 9 miles starting at 09.00. We can park at the village hall but should be aware of the football match that may take place during the later morning. Food menus will be published nearer the day.

It was confirmed that the group will subsidise the AGM meal for all BBN members who stay for the whole AGM. Norman will put a note in the Newsletter.

(b) Map reading course

A member had asked whether BBN could provide a map reading course. It was felt this was not practical, but as a way forward it was suggested that members not confident with map reading could pal up with another member on the Chiltern Kanter to learn; the Ramblers Association hold map reading courses; Cotswold Outdoors hold OS Navigation Workshops.

(c) The Greensand Ridge bench is still to be repaired.

(d) Membership list for new members

It was agreed the membership list cannot be circulated.

(e) Food Hygiene

Lynn expressed on-going concerns about food hygiene. Should people who organise food for events have a food hygiene certificate? Merrian said she will check what guidance there is on the LDWA website, and if necessary a proposal can go to the next LDWA AGM.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

The next committee meeting:

Thursday 25th September 2014 (Merrian's).

2014 AGM

Sunday 30th November 2014 - Naphill